

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the interview with the Examiner.

During the interview the present application was discussed and it was determined that the claims have to be amended.

With the present Amendment, applicants have canceled the original claims and submitted a new set of claims including claim 17, the broadest claim on file, and claims 18-21 which depend on it. All claims have been drafted to define an internal combustion engine provided with the heat exchanger, as discussed during the interview.

The claims have been drafted in accordance with the U.S. Patent Practice to more clearly define the present invention and to distinguish it from the prior art.

It is respectfully submitted that the new features of present invention which are now defined in the claims are not disclosed in the prior art and can not be derived from it as a matter of obviousness.

As for the objections to the drawings and the specification, the identification of the exhaust-gas convertor with reference numeral 62 was submitted in the previous Amendment. It is believed that the present application should be considered as allowable, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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